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1. HAVING REEXAMINED NZ GATT NOTIFICATION (GATT SECRET/220) IN LIGHT OF EXPLANATION GIVEN IN FALCONER/SPRUCE LETTER OF NOVEMBER 13, WE CONCLUDE THAT CONFIRMATION OF NZ INTENTION TO LEAVE UNCHANGED EXISTING BINDINGS ON PRODUCTS COVERED BY RESTRUCTURED TARIFF ITEMS 39.01.012/39.01.018, 39.02.022/39.02.028, AND 39.02.032/39.02.038 WOULD BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SUBMISSION OF RELEVANT PORTIONS NEW DRAFT SCHEDULE XIII. WHEREAS PRESENTATION IN PREVIOUS NZ TARIFF SCHEDULES OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PAIRED (MINISTERIAL DISCRETION) ITEMS CLOSELY PARALLELED

PRESENTATION IN NZ GATT SCHEDULE, RESTRUCTURING NOW UNDER-TAKEN WILL PROBABLY FORCE PRESENTATION IN TWO DOCUMENTS TO DIFFER. SIMPLEST AND MOST RELIABLE MEANS FOR UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO UNDERSTAND GATT IMPLICATIONS OF NZ TARIFF RESTRUCTURING IS BY EXAMINATION OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE XIII.

2. SUBMISSION BY NZ OF NEW DRAFT SCHEDULE WOULD ALSO RESOLVE TWO OTHER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS: (1) IS NZ GRANTING DUTY-FREE BINDING ON NEW ITEM 39.02.002, WHICH REPLACES OLD PAIRED ITEMS 39.02.001/39.02.009 FOR WHICH A CEILING BINDING OF 25 PERCENT APPLIED? (2) IS THE CEILING BINDING ON POLYVINYL CHLORIDE, NOW ENTERING UNDER RESTRUCTURED

HEADINGS 39.02.012/39.02.017/39.02.018, BEING LOWERED FROM 25 PERCENT TO THE HIGHER OF 10 PERCENT OR US DOLS. 6.60 PER 100 KG?

3. MISSION SHOULD ADVISE FALCONER WE WISH TO EXAMINE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF NEW DRAFT SCHEDULE XIII BEFORE CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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